

serve with the Marine Air Group 30 in Quang Tri. Upon his return stateside, Steven was stationed at Twentynine Palms, California until he left the service to go to college. Since 1990, Steven has worked for Target Distribution in Fontana, California where he is currently the Planner and Scheduler for the Maintenance Department. Also a family man, Steven and his wife are the proud parents of six children, four girls and two boys, and three grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, on October 3d, a reception will be held in Steven's honor in Ontario, California. Since we can not be present for this event, Congressman BROWN and I would like to honor Steven D. Jacobs today. We would ask our colleagues to join us in celebrating the life and great contributions of a great American.

CONGRESSIONAL RECOGNITION OF KCOH, HOUSTON

HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 17, 1998

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, Whereas, in recognition of KCOH's original owners Dr. John B. Coleman, Judson Robinson, Jr., Travis Gardner, Skipper Lee Fraizer, and General Manager/Owner Michael Petrizzo; and

Whereas, KCOH was the first Black oriented radio station in Texas and has been a source of entertainment to the Houston community since 1952; and

Whereas, within the years of operation, KCOH has evolved from a sun up through sunset broadcaster to a twenty four hour broadcaster, continuing to provide quality programming to the Houston community; and

Whereas, former air personalities Gladys "Gee Gee" Hill, Perry "Deep Throat" Caine and Clifton Smith set a precedence in the broadcasting profession; and

Whereas, the current air personality Michael Harris, having over 20 years of service, along with air personality Wash Allen, continues to abide by the standard of excellence by providing quality programming; and

Whereas, programming like Person to Person with Michael Harris and Confession with Wash Allen provide mediated forums for the community to express itself and discuss pressing issues that affect the individual, community, as well as, the nation.

Now therefore, be it resolved that KCOH is most deserving for any and all applause and commendations for their work in the area of broadcasting and community service to all people and on behalf of the constituents of the Eighteenth Congressional District of Texas, I extend a sincere and hearty congratulations on your 46th Anniversary. Furthermore, I hereby grant Congressional Recognition to KCOH for Broadcasting Excellence and Quality Community Programming.

IN HONOR OF THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY GOLDEN AGERS

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 17, 1998

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the Immaculate Heart of Mary Golden Agers in celebration of their 25th anniversary on September 20, 1998.

The Immaculate Heart of Mary Golden Agers Club was founded on September 18, 1973, by a group of parishioners who recognized the need to increase social activities for the senior members of the parish. Eleven charter members, along with Father Frank Bartnikowski, met and chose Helen Skuza as their first president. In 1985, Helen Skuza retired, and Joseph Sommerfelt was elected to serve as the next president.

Traveling is the favorite activity of the group. However, when traveling is not an option, social events prevail. Picnics, bingo and raffles are enjoyed by the group on the holidays as well as manning the Winter and Ice Cream Socials, Tumbola, Maverick, Instant Bingo and the Split Raffle.

Throughout the last 25 years, the Golden Agers have also promoted many philanthropic events. They have made generous contributions to the Friends and Parents of Retarded Children, Inc., the annual fireworks display at Morgana Park and continue to give money and food to the needy of their community during the holidays. The Golden Agers also hold an annual Rummage Sale and Card Party to raise funds to provide scholarships for the eighth grade graduates of Jesus and Mary School.

While organizing and participating in extra-curricular activities, the Golden Agers have never lost touch with their parish or their community. Over the past 25 years they have generously donated their time and their money to better their community. We owe the Golden Agers a sincere "Thank you".

TRIBUTE TO WILFREDO VASQUEZ

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 17, 1998

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. Wilfredo Vasquez, an outstanding Puerto Rican athlete who has been a successful boxer. He was honored on Friday, September 11, at the "Centro Cultural Latino" in my Bronx congressional district.

Mr. Vasquez was born on August 2, 1961 in Bayamón, Puerto Rico. His record speaks volumes about his achievements: 50 wins, 8 losses, 3 draws, 37 knockouts.

On October 3, 1987, he defeated by knockout Chan Yong Park for the Bantamweight title in 10 rounds in the World Boxing Association (WBA). On March 27, 1992, he defeated Raul Perez in 3 rounds for the Junior Featherweight.

On May 18, 1996, he defeated Eloy Rojas by knockout for the Featherweight title. He is the only three-time champion in the same organization.

Through his long dedication and success in boxing, Mr. Vasquez has served as a role model for millions of youngsters in the United States and Puerto Rico who, like him, dream of success in the world of sports.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Wilfredo Vasquez for his contributions and dedication to boxing, as well as for serving as role model for the youth of Puerto Rico and America.

TRIBUTE TO WEST VIRGINIA JOURNALIST ERNIE SALVATORE

HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 17, 1998

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate Mr. Ernie Salvatore on his 50th anniversary as a journalist for newspapers serving Huntington, West Virginia.

Mr. Salvatore began his career as a journalist at age 15 taking sports scores over the telephone. A year later, he covered traffic court for the Greenwich Times in Connecticut and served as sports editor for his high school newspaper.

In 1942, Mr. Salvatore joined the U.S. Army and served in World War II. After his discharge as a staff sergeant in 1948, he enrolled at Marshall University in Huntington, West Virginia where he met his future wife, Joanne Pinckard. Following graduation, Mr. Salvatore worked for the Huntington Advertiser as radio-TV editor until being named sports editor in 1953. After 14 years as sports editor, he became executive sports editor for both the Huntington Advertiser and the Herald-Dispatch. In 1986, Mr. Salvatore retired from the Herald-Dispatch, but continues to submit columns from his home office.

Mr. Salvatore hired the first woman to write about sports at the Advertiser and has many admirers in West Virginia including Bobby Pruett, the Marshall University football coach. "He's an honest person," Pruett said. "He tells it like it is. In all dealings with me he's been very honest, straightforward and he's treated me fairly. I've known him since 1961, . . . and the thing I've learned about Ernie is that he loves Huntington and he loves Marshall University. But even though he has that strong love, he's going to be honest to his profession and honest to his reading public."

He and his wife, who will celebrate their 50th anniversary in January, have raised five children and are the proud grandparents of six grandchildren. I salute Mr. Ernie Salvatore for his tireless dedication to the Huntington community, the State of West Virginia, and his chosen profession.

TRIBUTE TO AKTINA PRODUCTIONS

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 17, 1998

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to AKTINA Productions, a non-profit Greek-Cypriot-American radio program which offers stellar bilingual programming on

the airwaves of public station WYNE 91.5 FM in the New York Metropolitan area.

AKTINA Productions is unique not only because it is the only bilingual Greek-American Radio Show presently airing in the United States, but also because it caters to all ethnic groups and ages. Its programming includes Greek songs and music, as well as hard news, special news reports and feature stories of wide public interest, including folk arts, sports, radio, theater and the latest Greek hits. Its informative newscasts and reports from Cyprus and Greece, inform listeners of the Greek and Cypriot national issues.

Every year, AKTINA Productions organizes a cultural event to acknowledge the Greek and Cypriot heritage. This year's event will celebrate the unique customs and traditions of Asia Minor. The well-known dance Group Terpsichore will present a Dance-Music Journey from the Waterfront of Smyrna to the Black Sea of Pontos and into the caves of Cappadocia.

This event will also mark the tragic anniversary of the Greek expulsion from Asia Minor following the catastrophe at Smyrna in 1922. It was at Smyrna in 1914, that the Turkish Nationalists regime initiated a systematic campaign to eradicate the ethnic Greek population in Asia Minor, consigning and killing thousands of male conscripts into forced labor battalions and destroying Greek towns and villages and slaughtering hundreds of thousands of civilians in areas where Greeks composed a majority, including the Black Sea port of Pontos and the areas surrounding Smyrna.

Through this production AKTINA will be paying tribute to many Greeks who lost their lives during the tragic events at Smyrna, including Metropolitan Chrysostomos, the spiritual leader of the Orthodox Christians in Smyrna who refused to abandon the city and was brutally murdered by Turkish mobs with the consent of the Turkish police forces.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate AKTINA Productions both for the service they provide to listeners in the tri-state area, for ensuring that we never forget the tragic events at Smyrna by staging this production, and to wish them well as they come together on September 20, 1998 to celebrate their Greek and Cypriot heritage.

A TRIBUTE TO THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES

HON. JERRY LEWIS

OF CALIFORNIA

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 17, 1998

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, my colleague Ms. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD and I rise today in order to pay tribute to the League of California Cities, the organization that represents the 471 incorporated cities of our home state, California.

The League of California Cities was founded a century ago by a small group comprised of 13 cities. In the century that has passed since its inception, the League has served as a vibrant, active forum where California city officials can exchange information and ideas in

their work that keeps the great state of California moving up and moving on.

What the League of California Cities does is strive to protect the local authority and autonomy of the city government and assist California cities in offering their citizens the best services possible. To help its members meet the everyday challenge of running a city government, the League offers services, training, and other programs—all of which equip California's cities to meet their tremendous responsibilities far into the future.

On any given day here in the House or across the way in the Senate, you will find several legislators who have previously served as mayors and council members of California's cities and who have worked closely with the League for the good of those cities.

It seems appropriate that the theme for the League's Centennial is: "100 Years of Working Together: Better Cities—A Better Life." For the 32 million citizens of the state of California, the cities where they live and work and play and grow offer them just that opportunity—a better life, a better chance, thanks to people working together.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that we recognize the League of California Cities for 100 years of service to the people of the great state of California. And it is with sincere wishes that our successors here in the House of Representatives have the privilege of working with this same institution 100 years hence.

THANKS TO A DEVOTED EDUCATOR AND LEADER

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 17, 1998

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, the future of our Nation is in the hands of our young people, and our young people are both guided and molded by caring people who serve in our educational system. While there is no doubt as to the incredible value of the effort provided by teachers, it must be remembered that without strong school boards to guide local education policies, teachers would have a far more difficult time achieving the goals that the public has set for them.

For the past thirty years, the Bay-Arenac Intermediate School District has been well served by Angela V. Fenton, a dedicated lady who had set her own clear goals when she started. She has served longer than any other board member, and has now retired, having successfully fulfilled each and every one of these goals. She is being honored on September 21 for her accomplishments and her lifetime of dedication.

Over the course of her tenure, Angela Fenton had three goals. She wanted to establish the Educational Center, which has been done with the praise of the community and to the great benefit of the many students who take advantage of it. She wanted to establish and manage the Vocational Center, and she has done exactly that, making what is known as the Career Center one of the best of its kind in Michigan. She also wanted to locate a permanent building to serve the needs of Special Education. This is in the process of being completed. Her vision, her efforts, and her devotion have left the Bay-Arenac Intermediate

School District a far better entity than she found.

Her service as Secretary of the Board for two years and as President for nine years is testimony to both her commitment and her leadership. It is truly fitting that she be honored before the regular Board meeting on September 21.

Mr. Speaker, when we express concern about our young people, or worry about the quality of public education, let us all be thankful that people like Angela Fenton undertake that important work with a visionary sense of the future, a hard core realism of the needs of today, and an appreciation for what has come before them. I urge you and all of our colleagues to join me in thanking Angela Fenton for her years of exemplary service, and in wishing her the very best for all of the challenges that life still has in store for her.

POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY

HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 17, 1998

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remind my colleagues of the importance of National POW/MIA Recognition Day, which falls on September 18, 1998. I urge my colleagues to participate in recognizing America's heroes; those who are presumed missing in action.

Our Nation has fought six major conflicts in its history. In those wars, over 500,000 Americans have been taken prisoner-of-war. Those servicemen and women experienced numerous hardships and treatment which could often be described only as barbaric during the course of captivity. Those Americans imprisoned by the Japanese during World War II faced the worst possible conditions on captivity and were firsthand witnesses to the utter depravity of their fellow men.

I have been a strong advocate of an accounting of our POW/MIA's since I first came to the Congress in 1973. I proudly supported the creation of the Select Committee on Missing Persons in Southeast Asia, the National POW/MIA Recognition Days, and POW/MIA legislation because I believe the families of those who are missing in action deserve no less. Hopefully, 1998 will be the last year that such an occasion will be necessary. My hope is that by this time next year, our Government will have obtained a full accounting of those brave Americans whose fates, at this time, are still unknown.

Permit me to focus special recognition on those POW/MIA's from Korea and Vietnam. Despite the administration's best assurances to the contrary, many of us remain unconvinced that the governments of North Korea and Vietnam have been fully cooperating with the United States on this issue. Regrettably, by normalizing relations with Vietnam, I believe that we have withdrawn our leverage over the Vietnamese Government on this issue.

In recent years, we have learned from testimony presented to congressional committees that Soviet and Czech military doctors performed ghastly medical experiments on U.S. POW's in North Korea during the Korean war. These experiments were used to test the psychological endurance of American GI's, as